



# Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) Application

## District 6 Appointment

### **Application Contact:**

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### **PTAC Application Process**

1. January 24, 2022: Application Released
2. April 25, 2022: Application Close
3. April 26, 2022 – May 25, 2022: Public Comment
4. Applications sent to:
  - ITD – Public Transportation Office, Attn: Shauna Miller, 206 Frontage RD, Lewiston, ID 83501
  - Or email to: [Shauna.Miller@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:Shauna.Miller@itd.idaho.gov)
5. Public Transportation Advisory Council: PTAC will meet to discuss applications and qualification
6. Idaho Transportation Department: Idaho Transportation Board selects member



## **Designation/Authority**

The authority for the Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) is established and outlined in Idaho Code 40-514 and ITD Board Policy 4039.

Idaho Code 40-514 created the Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) to advise the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) on issues and policies regarding public transportation in Idaho.

## **Purpose**

As outlined in Idaho Code, the Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) to advise the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) on issues and policies regarding public transportation in Idaho.

The council shall participate in planning activities, identify transportation needs, and promote coordinated transportation systems. Before setting programs and priorities, the council shall seek pertinent information, facts and data from local governments, agencies and providers regarding rural public transportation issues.

PTAC shall work to ensure the public transportation program is safe, financially sustainable within the current funding constraints, and is capable of appropriately adjusting to the changing transportation landscape. PTAC activities should include promoting coordinated transportation system, engaging in planning activities, and identifying transportation needs.

## **Composition and Representation**

The advisory council shall be composed of six members appointed by the Idaho Transportation Board. Appointed members shall be representatives of local governments and agencies, private organizations, citizen groups and private providers that have an interest in public transportation, and people with disabilities and the elderly who utilize public transportation. The board shall appoint said members from recommendations submitted by said organizations, groups, providers, users and state agencies in each district. One member shall be appointed from each of the six transportation department director districts as provided in section 40-303, Idaho Code. The term of each member shall be three years and the initial appointments to the council shall be such that two members shall be appointed each year thereafter. The members shall be reimbursed for attending the meetings according to the provisions of Section 59-509(g), Idaho Code. The PTAC members shall be reimbursed by ITD-PT for travel expenses according to the limits specified in Section 67-2008, Idaho Code.

PTAC member terms go from July 1 through June 30. Below is the schedule of expirations along with counties served.

- ITD District 1: June 30, 2024
  - Counties: Bonner, Boundary, Shoshone, Kootenai, and Benewah
  
- ITD District 2: June 30, 2022
  - Counties: Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis, and Idaho



- ITD District 3: June 30, 2023
  - Counties: Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, Ada, Boise, Canyon, Gem, Elmore, and Owyhee
- ITD District 4: June 30, 2024
  - Counties: Blaine, Camas, Lincoln, Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Cassia, and Minidoka
- ITD District 5: June 30, 2023
  - Bingham, Caribou, Bear Lake, Franklin, Power, Bannock, and Oneida
- ITD District 6: June 30, 2022
  - Counties: Lemhi, Custer, Clark, Butte, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville, and Fremont

At the conclusion of each PTAC member term, a full application process is required. While there is no provision for an automatic renewal of PTAC membership, it is allowable for members to receive consecutive appointments as a result of the application process.

Applications to serve on PTAC are coordinated by the ITD-PT Office. A call for applications must remain open for at least 30 calendar days, and applications received must be posted for public comment for at least 30 calendar days. Applications will then be reviewed by the seated members of the PTAC and a final appointment will be made by the Idaho Transportation Board.

### **Committee Role and Responsibility**

The PTAC shall:

- Meet at least three times per year; and
- Discuss agenda items relevant to our purpose and scope; and
- Provide meeting notices and agendas in accordance with the Idaho Open Meeting Laws; and
- Annually elect a chair from among its representatives.

### **Chair**

Candidates for the position of Chair shall be nominated by members of PTAC. They shall be elected by nomination and a simple majority of those voting in person. The term shall be for a one year period, and is eligible to serve consecutive terms.

The Chair's responsibilities include:

- Serving as the group's spokesperson,
- Partnering with the ITD-PT Office to assist in program recommendations
- Participating in agenda development activities on behalf of the group, and
- Other functions as appropriate.



## **Committee Representatives Roles and Responsibilities**

It is the role of the PTAC members to represent their constituent base, and to participate in the functions of the PTAC in a manner that represents the program's statewide interest. PTAC members are expected to participate in the meetings.

PTAC members are responsible for participating in scheduled meetings, serving on ad hoc committees as assigned, and committing to the terms they are designated to fill. Each committee member will make a good faith effort to attend each full advisory committee session. Attendance in person is preferred, but if that is not possible, attendance may be by teleconference or videoconference.

All members of PTAC shall be voting members. Fifty one percent of the regular members will constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting PTAC business. PTAC decisions will be made by utilizing consensus-building processes to reach as much agreement as possible, with a voting option to conclude a process where consensus can't be clearly established in the time available. PTAC can call for a simple majority of those voting.

In the event a representative reaches three absences, the Chair will approach the PTAC member and discuss with them their continued commitment and proposed action per the absences. Members will be expected to vacate their seat on PTAC after having missed three consecutive meetings and are nonresponsive to the Chair's attempts to contact them after having missed two consecutive meetings.

Members of the advisory council shall be reimbursed according to the provisions of section 59-509(g), Idaho Code.

## **Meetings**

PTAC shall meet three times per year. The PTAC meetings shall have a:

- Spring Meeting
- Summer Meeting
- Fall Meeting

Meetings shall be open and shall be noticed consistent with ITD Open Meeting Requirements.

The PTAC Chair or delegate will issue a call for agenda items approximately four weeks prior to a meeting. Subsequent to that, ITD-PT will work with the Chair to develop the agenda, which will be issued to the representatives with supporting background materials approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. PTAC will discuss all agenda items submitted to it by any member of the group.

Additionally, a PTAC member will present an annual update to the Idaho Transportation Board at the December meeting. Per Board Policy 4039 PTAC shall highlight district PTAC activities, system improvements and issues, and goals/objectives for the next 12 months.



**Conflict of Interest**

As a member of the Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC), you will be leading and participating in meetings and processes related to public transportation.

This PTAC function requires that you fully disclose any real or potential conflict of interest that may influence or appear to influence your objectivity, judgment, or decisions. Based on the specific detail of any possible conflict of interest, you may be asked to recuse yourself from elements of the evaluation and recommendation process. If at any point you determine that a conflict of interest may exist, it is your responsibility to notify the presiding PTAC chair to determine the most appropriate action.

Examples of a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict of interest, exist when a council member:

- Is directly or indirectly associated with the project applicant.
- Is employed, working as an intern, or considered for employment by the project applicant.
- Is a student or volunteer with the project applicant?
- Is providing, or intends to provide, direct or in-kind financial assistance related to the applicant or project application.
- Is elected to, appointed to, or employed by an organization that is providing, or intends to provide, direct or in-kind financial assistance to an applicant or the project application.
- Is a member of a committee or board, voting or otherwise, of the project applicant?
- Participated in the preparation of a submitted project application.
- Maintains an ownership position of any type, including securities or other evidences of debt, with the project applicant.
- Has a personal relationship with someone who has an interest in the project application.

The above examples and are not intended as a complete list. If you have any questions concerning possible conflicts of interest, contact Public Transportation Program Manager prior to signing this form.

I have read and fully understand this *Conflict of Interest Statement (Attachment A)* and will immediately advise the presiding PTAC Chair or the Public Transportation Program Manager of any potential conflict during my term on the PTAC.

IRA PRAY  
Print Name

[Signature]  
Signature

25 April 22  
Date



**Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC) Application Form**

**Required for Submission**

Please include the following information:

- Cover Letter
- Letters of recommendation and/or references
- Conflict of Interest Statement (attached)
- Resume that includes work experience, educational background, and any other relevant experience.

**Contact Information**

Full Name: IRA PRAY

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Phone: 208 360 8918 Email: IRA.PRAY@INL.GOV

**Organization Affiliation (if any):**

Name: Idaho NATIONAL Lab

Street Address: 1955 Fremont Ave City/State/Zip: Idaho falls, ID. 83415

**District you are applying for:**

District 1 \_\_\_ District 2 \_\_\_ District 3 \_\_\_ District 4 \_\_\_ District 5 \_\_\_ District 6 X

Ira Pray  
Fleet Management Services  
Idaho National Laboratory

Ira earned his Bachelors degree in Business Administration at the College of the Ozarks, and his Masters degree in Business Administration from Idaho State University.

He joined the Idaho National Laboratory in 2009. He manages four departments: fleet maintenance, supply operations, motor/equipment pool and fuel services. He is actively involved with various types of transportation initiatives and research for vehicle and driver behaviors including, idle reduction, battery powered climate control, connected vehicles and heavy vehicle driving simulation. He is also heavily involved with testing and using various fuel types such as R-99, Bio-Diesel, Hydrogen and battery electric vehicles.

Ira has 26 years military experience primarily as a Logistics Officer in the Army Reserves. He also brings project management and account management experience to the Idaho National Lab.

April 25, 2022

To: Ron Duran Public transportation Manager  
Idaho Transportation Department

From: Tad Pearson Integrated Transportation Services  
Idaho National Laboratory

Acting for Scott Wold Director of Mission Support Service, I Tad Pearson approve of Ira Pray serving on the Public Transportation Advisory Council.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tad Pearson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "P".